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August 21, 2014

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) to accept a donation from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the form of payment for travel-related expenses for an NHES employee to attend a conference entitled Meeting the Behavioral Needs of Service Members, Veterans, and their Families through Workforce Development in Baltimore, Maryland. The estimated value of the donation is \$1100.

EXPLANATION

A donation of an estimated \$1100 will be made to NHES for the purpose of funding travel-related expenses for the Director of the Employment Services Bureau to attend a scheduled conference. The Agency is a member of the Governor's Commission on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and brings the workforce aspect to the Commission. The conference will focus on promoting an integrated, aligned and competent workforce that enhances the availability of prevention and treatment for substance abuse and mental illness while promoting the infrastructure of health systems to deliver competent behavioral health services. The conference will be held on September 8th and 9th, 2014 (a copy of the preliminary agenda is attached).

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Lavers
Deputy Commissioner

RJL/jdr

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration**
1 Choke Cherry Road
Rockville, MD 20857

July 18, 2014

**Re: Conference Invitation - Meeting the Behavioral Health Needs of SMVF through
Workforce Development**

Dear Team Lead:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center (SMVF TA Center) are hosting the *Meeting the Behavioral Health Needs of SMVF through Workforce Development Conference* on September 8 and 9, 2014 in Baltimore, Maryland at the Hilton Baltimore Hotel. As a part of SAMHSA's Workforce Development Strategic Initiative, the conference will focus on the goal of promoting an integrated, aligned, and competent workforce that (1) enhances the availability of prevention and treatment for substance abuse and mental illness, (2) strengthens the capabilities of behavioral health professionals, and (3) promotes the infrastructure of health systems to deliver competent behavioral health services.

The conference will bring together attendees from the state, territory, and district teams who have participated in Policy and Implementation Academies to facilitate the sharing of ideas, lessons learned, and promising practices. The audience will also include federal partners, national experts, and academic partners to ensure the incorporation of the most effective and culturally appropriate workforce development strategies.

The conference will explore two (2) tracks over the 1.5-day meeting:

- **Day 1: Strengthening the SMVF Behavioral Health Workforce, with topics including:**
 - Staff development in military culture, trauma, peer support, and suicide prevention
 - Best practices in training and supervision approaches
 - Reimbursement and credentialing options
- **Day 2: Broadening the SMVF Behavioral Health Workforce, with topics including:**
 - Behavioral healthcare workforce opportunities
 - Peer support expansion
 - Recruitment and retention strategies

Each state, territory, and district team is invited to send up to three (3) individuals to this conference. SAMHSA can support the travel, lodging, and per diem expenses for non-federal attendees.

You are encouraged to pass this invitation on to the individuals who are most essential to your team's workforce development efforts. The enclosed matrix offers guidance on selecting ideal candidates to attend the conference. If you have any questions regarding attendee selection, please contact Donna Aligata, SMVF TA Center Project Director, at daligata@prainc.com.

To accept this invitation, please send the names, titles, and contact details of your participants to Angela Wright, SMVF TA Center Assistant Director, at awright@prainc.com. Please RSVP by **August 4, 2014**.

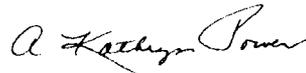
Logistics details, registration information, a detailed agenda, and other information will follow your confirmation.

We look forward to welcoming your state/territory/district's participants to the conference.

Sincerely,



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Director, Division of Regional and
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SAMHSA



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Lead, SAMHSA's Military Families
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Enclosure